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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's (Council) will hold public meetings to solicit public input on the management of bottomfish and yellowfin tuna in the Main Hawaiian Islands.

DATES: The meetings will be held December 2 through December 13, 2014. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific times, dates, and agenda items.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific locations of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lihue, Kauai public meeting will be held on December 2, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; The Kaunakakai, Molokai public meeting will be held on December 3, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; The Aiea, Oahu public meetings will

be held on December 4, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; The Paia, Maui public meetings will be held on December 9, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; The Honolulu, Oahu public meetings will be held on December 10, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; The Hilo, Hawaii public meetings will be held on December 12, 2014, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; and the Kailua-Kona, Hawaii public meetings will be held on December 13, 2014, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Lihue, Kauai public meeting will be held at the Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School Cafeteria, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue, Kauai, HI 96766; The Kaunakakai, Molokai public meeting will be held at the Kaunakakai Elementary School Cafeteria, 30 Ailoa St, Kaunakakai, Molokai, HI 96748; The Aiea, Oahu public meeting will be held at the Waimalu Elementary School Cafeteria, 98-825 Moanalua Rd, Aiea, HI 96701; The Paia, Maui public meeting will be held at the Paia Community Center, Social Hall, Hana Hwy, Paia, Maui, HI 96799; The Honolulu, Oahu public meeting will be held at Washington Middle School Cafeteria, 1633 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96826; The Hilo, Hawaii public meeting will be held at the Hilo High School Cafeteria, 556 Waianuenue Ave, Hilo, HI 96720; and the Kailua-Kona, Hawaii public meeting will be held at the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, 75-5660 Palani Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

## Agenda for Public Meetings

### I. Open House Session

#### A. Welcome and Sign-in

#### B. Informational Booths

##### 1. State of Hawaii Bottomfish Reporting Requirements

###### a. Standardizing and Improving Catch and Effort Reporting

###### b. Volunteer Non-Commercial Reporting

##### 2. Federal Non-Commercial Bottomfish Permit and Reporting

##### 3. Yellowfin Tuna (Ahi) Science and Minimum Size Considerations

### II. Presentation and Discussion Session

#### A. Yellowfin Tuna Management Issues

##### 1. Report on the Status of Yellowfin Tuna Science

##### 2. Modification to the Minimum Size Limit for the Sale of Yellowfin Tuna

##### 3. Open Discussion

#### B. Main Hawaiian Islands Deep-7 Bottomfish Management Issues

##### 1. Non-Commercial Bag Limits

##### 2. Creating a Market Grace Period for the Sale of Deep-7 Bottomfish after a Fishery Closure

##### 3. Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas (BRFAs)

###### a. Proposed Changes to the Number of BRFAs

###### b. Modifications to the State Reporting Grids to Improve Reporting if BRFAs are Removed

##### 4. Open Discussion

## C. Summary and Closing

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

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